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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.118 previously filed on January 26, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDSiv. ☐ Other _____**2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently****3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)**a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)ii. ☐ Other _____

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